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FLORICULTURE RESEARCH SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the floriculture research system is nearly four decades old and the technology used for export-oriented production is still very low;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to improve floriculture research;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(f) the names of flower producing States district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The export oriented floriculture in India is of recent origin and gain momentum only after the economic liberalization. Systematic research on export oriented floriculture could not be taken up earlier as it requires huge investment and sophisticated infrastructure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Systematic research on floriculture is being carried out at Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore; Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and 22 centres under All India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project, besides Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair and ICAR Research Complex for North East Region, Shillong. The research programme under these institutes/centres have been re- oriented to give more emphasis on export oriented floriculture. A new National Research Centre for Orchid has been established in Sikkim to boost orchid research in the country. During IX Five Year Plan a network project on Promotion of Research on Protected Cultivation of Ornamental Crops and a mission mode project on protected cultivation of vegetables and flowers in the plains and hills under National Agricultural Technology Project have been sanctioned and implemented at different centres in the country. To fill the critical research gaps the ad-hoc projects are sanctioned to various institutions.

(e) An amount of Rs. 13.51 crore have been allocated during 9th Five Year Plan for National Research Centre for Orchid, All India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project and Network Projects.

(f) Important flower growing States:

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Karnataka          -     Coorg, Bangalore, Mysore, Coastal Karnataka
Tamil Nadu         -     Coimbatore, Ootacamund, Housur, Kodaikanal and coastal dists.
Maharashtra        -     Pune , Nasik, Mumbai, Sangli, Thane,
Andhra Pradesh     -     Hyderabad, East & West Godavari Districts, Renga Reddy Dist.,
Kerala             -     Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Ernakularn
West Bengal        -     Siliguri, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Kolkata, Midnapore, 24
    Paraganas and Nadia
Himachal Pradesh   -     Solan, Shimia, Kullu, Kangra; and States like Sikkim,
    Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States
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